

ner-y (spin'ēr-i), *n.* [*pl.* SPINNERIES (-iz)], a factory where yarn is spun; spinning mill.

ney (spin'i), *n.* [*pl.* SPINNEYS (-iz)], [ME. (N.W. England) *spenne*; OFr. *espinei*; LL. *spinetum* < L. *spina*, thorn, spine], [British], a thicket or grove.

ning (spin'in), *n.* the act of making thread or yarn from fibers or filaments. *adj.* that spins.

ning jenny, a spinning machine fitted with several bobbins, for spinning more than one thread at a time.

ning wheel, a primitive spinning machine fitted with a single spindle driven by the rotation of a large wheel spun by a foot treadle and hand.

off, spinoff (spin'ōf'), *n.* 1. the distribution to its shareholders by a parent corporation of the stock it owns in a subsidiary corporation. 2. a secondary benefit or product, development,

ose (spī'nōs), *adj.* [L. *spinus* < *spina*, spine], covered with spines or thorns.

osity (spī-nos'ə-ti), *n.*

quality or condition of being spinose. 2. a sharp cutting remark. 3. a spine or thorny part.

ous (spī'nəs), *adj.* [L. *spinus*], 1. spinose. 2. like a spine or thorn in form.

za, Baruch or Benedict (bā'rookh or bā'nə-
pi-nō'zə), 1632-1677; Dutch philosopher.

zism (spi-nō'ziz'm), *n.* the philosophy of Spinoza who taught that there is but one substance, God, and two aspects, thought and extension.

ster (spin'stēr), *n.* [ME. *spinnestere* < *spinnen*, to spin + *-ster*], 1. a woman who spins thread or yarn. 2. an unmarried woman; especially, an elderly woman who has never married; old maid.

sterhood (spin'stēr-hood'), *n.* [see -HOOD], the state of being a spinster.

har-i-scope (spin-thar'i-skōp'), *n.* [< Gr. *spin-*, to spin; + *-scope*], a small device with a fluorescent screen, for observing the scintillations of the alpha particles emitted off by a radioactive substance.



SPINNING WHEEL